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# Grace On Main is...



Our church has served as a Christian anchor to historic Gloucester Courthouse for more than 140 years. Gloucester is located in coastal Virginia along the southernmost portion of the Chesapeake Bay. We are a community that is surrounded by water, and it has shaped our history, our environment, and our lives.

In 2016, after considerable prayer and discernment, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church voted overwhelmingly to join ECO, a Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, so we are now Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. We asked God then, and we continue to ask God today, for His abiding presence and ministry at Grace on Main. Provided below is more information about Grace on Main:

- We are a Christ-commissioned, mission-driven church family, marked by love for all.
- We are compelled to use the best of our resources and abilities for the Grace and Glory of God as we strive for spiritual maturity.
- We are anchored in scripture, teaching and encouraging the truths God gives us in His Word.
- We are a church that seeks to guide people to a Christ-activated life.
- We are a collective group of covenant partners who seek to acknowledge God in all ways. The Holy Spirit empowers us to lead by example in our church and community.

Our covenant partners are diverse and passionate about doing God's work. We are unwavering in our collective love for Jesus and continuously demonstrate a deep commitment to service, study, and scripture. Our commitment to community engagement is reflected through intentional ministry for all ages.

We value strong Biblical teaching. We are passionate about prayer. Christ compels us to give and love generously.

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# Our Mission...

## Our Mission:

Guiding People to a Christ-activated life.

## Our Core Values:

The Bible Guides Us

The Spirit Sends Us

Prayer Unites Us

Love Connects Us

Welcome Defines Us

## Our Vision:

God's word is our foundation. Prayer unites and motivates us. We recognize and honor the image of God in every human and therefore we gladly receive them into our congregation. We believe that welcoming people reveals Christ's love and strengthens our selfless service to Christ. God leads us in spirit and joy.



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## At a Glance...



### ***Our Church:***

***265 Covenant Partners***

***40+ Friends***

***60+ Active children and youth***

***170+ Average Sunday worship attendance***

***2022 budget = \$591,000***

***Staff of one full-time and seven part-time employees***

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# Our Worship Ministry Opportunities...



Grace on Main offers Sunday morning worship in person. The service is posted online following worship. A prayer team is available following the Sunday service in our Prayer Chapel for our covenant partners and visitors.

We have a Prayer Chain to pray confidentially for specific requests. Our worship is enriched by organ and piano music, Adult Choir, Men's and Women's Ensembles, Bell Choir, and Children's Choir. Special music includes a Christmas Cantata and an organ recital by our Director of Music.



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# Our Bible Study Opportunities...



One of our key values is that the Bible Guides Us. Grace on Main has Christian Education classes for all ages. Our Raising Grace Ministry serves nursery, preschool, and elementary children. It includes Sunday School, Children's Church, daytime Bible School, and special events such as an Easter Egg Hunt. Middle and High schoolers participate in our Youth on Main Ministry including Bible study, fellowship, missions, and special events. Mid-Week Hurried Family Dinner is followed by Bible Study.

Presbyterian Women's Circles meet monthly. We have a Monday night women's study and a Men's Prayer Breakfast.



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# Our Hands on Mission Opportunities.



***Many Grace covenant partners participate in a variety of local mission opportunities.***

- Youth on Main local mission week
- Adult mission trips
- Backpack program supplies week-end food for elementary students
- Rise against Hunger packing meals for developing nations
- Center Shot a non-denomination youth archery outreach
- We provide hotdogs for trick-or-treaters on Halloween
- Bread for Life Food Pantry
- Collecting supplies for local schools
- Mattaponi Indian Healing Eagle Clinic
- USO
- Prayer Shawl ministry
- Hosting Red Cross Bloodmobile
- Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree
- Supporting local homeless and survivors of human trafficking
- Serving free coffee at Courthouse events



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# Ministries Supported through Budget.



Movies Under the Stars  
Hands Across Matthews  
Boy Scout Troop 111  
Gloucester Matthews Care  
Clinic

Backpack program  
Food Bank of Virginia  
Youth Mission Trip  
Botetourt Elementary Out-  
reach

Antioch Partners  
Macedonia Missionaries  
Gideon Bible Program

Marion Medical Missions  
providing wells

InterVarsity Christian Fellow-  
ship

Latisha's House for survivors of  
human trafficking

Bread for Life Food Pantry  
Medical Benevolence Fund

World Review

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mission Seed Grants



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# Buildings and Grounds Outreach...



The building and grounds at Grace on Main are utilized in a variety of ways as we participate in our community.

Our church bell rings for community events.

We are an election polling place. We host an annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

Our playground and basketball hoop are open to the community.

Several groups meet regularly in our building including TOPS, AA, Co-Op home schoolers, Cancer Support, River Country Quilters, and the Walmart knitting group.



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# Senior Pastor Opportunity...

## Our Future

God is leading Grace on Main as we move forward.

Our current Pastor is retiring in February of 2024 after 20 years of faithful service. The goal for our Pastor and staff is to implement intergenerational, gospel-centered values and missions for our church. God is leading us and we are witnesses. We are a church that is active and growing.

Our recently refreshed vision and values are intended to equip our covenant partners for a life centered in Christ. We are an outward focused church because of an inward focus on Christ.

Grace on Main is seeking to call a new Senior Pastor. Our new mission, "Leading people to a Christ-activated life," reflects this. We pray this person's joyful spirit and scripturally motivated teaching will inspire passion and disciple development.

## The Person

The Senior Pastor of Grace will be responsible, in partnership with the Session, for providing spiritual leadership and oversight for our covenant partners. This role will require someone who is grounded in scripture and faith – a humble yet strong teacher and leader. We are looking for someone who listens to the Lord. We are looking for a spiritually mature teacher, immersed in scriptural knowledge. Critical to our future is the value of discipleship and spiritual growth. Our church is comprised of the very young to the very old, and connection with all ages is an essential skill.

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# Senior Pastor Opportunity...

## Grace's Senior Pastor should be...

- grounded by a deep and intimate relationship with Jesus.
- overflowing with joy, passion, and vision.
- excited by the Holy Spirit's empowerment of individuals to carry out the call of Christ.
- eager to mentor new leadership and new believers.
- able to persevere in challenging circumstances.
- a gifted and educated communicator.
- marked by integrity.
- committed to mutual accountability through ECO's Pastor Covenant Groups and church leadership.
- approachable, humble, and authentic.
- Well-established with patterns of healthy relationships, especially with his/her family.
- committed to building a disciple-making culture that is obedient to the Great Commission.

## Qualifications

Someone who has had at least 5 years of pastoral experience – preferably as lead pastor.

Someone who has done or is doing work beyond the basic seminary degree, preferably leading to a doctoral degree. Such academic training has been an important part of our pastors' teaching, preaching, and gift-giving.

Someone who is already an ECO Pastor, or who would become part of ECO, affirming the ECO Essential Tenets. Someone who can manage staff with compassion, humility, and strong faith.

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# Senior Pastor Opportunity...

## Compensation

The compensation and benefit package will be competitive with similar ECO positions and commensurate with experience.

Are you the person we've been praying for?

Applicants are asked to provide:

- Letter of introduction highlighting experience and strengths
- Resume and Statement of Faith
- Links to sermons in video format

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*Grace on Main is located in Gloucester, Virginia, a family-friendly haven for lovers of history, outdoor recreation, and the arts.*

With a courthouse square dating back to the late 1600s, a statue commemorating the legacy of Pocahontas, and a historic inn once owned by George Washington's grandparents, Gloucester boasts many areas of historical importance. Gloucester Point served as a pivotal site in the Revolutionary War and was the location of the Battle of the Hook, an event ultimately leading to the British surrender. Gloucester is also the former homeplace of Dr. Walter Reed, Thomas Calhoun Walker, and Pocahontas! Gloucester is just across the river from Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Jamestown, known as the area's Historic Triangle.



In addition to its rich history, Gloucester offers many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Located on Virginia's beautiful Middle Peninsula, Gloucester is home to watermen and water enthusiasts. With five rivers surrounding the county, there is no shortage of boating, fishing, crabbing, and the like. Gloucester is also home to several beautiful parks, including Virginia's newest state park: Machicomico. Gloucester's parks are perfect for any lover of the outdoors, containing miles of well-maintained hiking trails, small craft launch ramps/rentals, beaches, campsites, lodging, and areas to picnic or play.



Community warmth abounds in Gloucester. The award-winning Main Street includes beautiful sculptures, murals, and art galleries; and is the site of several festivals, including the Plein Air Festival and the Daffodil Festival. The Plein Air festival lasts a month in early summer and provides residents with opportunities to meet and interact with artists from around the nation. The Daffodil Festival, held the first weekend of April each year, celebrates the heritage of the daffodil and the community. People come from all over to enjoy the parade, hear live music, see the crowning of the Daffodil Queen, and visit the spectacular blooms and arrangements on display at the Daffodil Show. Also on Main Street are charming options for dining, retail, and business. Many of the restaurants carry fresh local seafood, the shops are full of unique gifts and clothing, and the street itself is perfect for an afternoon stroll. Though Gloucester is a wonderful place to live, play, and work, some of its residents travel to neighboring localities for employment. Gloucester's central location and smooth traffic flow allow for an easy commute to Hampton Roads, the Northern Neck, the Historic Triangle, and even Richmond. The unique charm and history of Gloucester make it a marvelous place to call home.